


BULLETIN NOTICES



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Date:	8 April 2025	For weekend:	12 – 13 April 2025


RSVP details are essential for adequate catering, seating, handouts etc. We ask that details are kept in notices where included.



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NEW	What's on around the Diocese? In the next few weeks there are formation courses, youth events, walks, camping and jubilee events – too many to list in one place. Subscribe here and we will keep you in the loop dow.sh/stayingconnected or visit dow.sh/weeklybulletin to see everything that is on around our Diocese!	
Updated	Embracing the Canonisation of Carlo Acutis: Sunday 27 April Watch the Boy from Milan (Released 2 April) and hundreds of other great Catholic documentaries for FREE. Go to www.formed.org/ / Click 'Formed for Individuals' button / Enter your email address / Submit / Type 'Wollongong' into the box / Click the Diocese's name and address (38 Harbour St) / Click Next / Enter your name and email address / Respond to your confirmation email / Sign in and then follow the prompts / Watch The Movie – The Boy from Milan – or any of the Hundreds of Catholic Programs Make sure you get your Carlo Acutis Canonisation Holy Card to be distributed across the Diocese on Divine Mercy Sunday.	
NEW	Please Support Father David's urgent appeal for Stem Cell Donors. On Wednesday (9 April) Fr David Catterall (Emeritus Parish Priest of Oran Park) will receive a stem cell transplant for his Acute Myeloid Leukaemia. Each year, over 1,100 Australians, like Fr David, search for a stem cell donor to potentially save their life. Australia's small donor pool means only 80 patients are helped annually, leaving many struggling to find a match. A simple cheek swab, conveniently sent to your home, could change someone's life helping you become a source of HOPE - in this Jubilee year. If you're 18 to 35 and generally healthy, you can join Fr David's appeal - for more stem cell donors of the register - by visiting https://stemcelldonors.org.au/appeal/david/	

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NEW	<p>Level 3 Catechist Diploma Course 2025</p> <p>All interested parishioners and catechists are encouraged to attend the Level 3 course. Taught by a variety of excellent presenters, the Level 3 course takes us on a journey through the Catechism of the Catholic Church.</p> <p>The six-week course will be held in Rosemeadow on Fridays and Wollongong on Mondays, commencing Friday 2 May and Monday 5 May, respectfully. Each session will start at 9:30am and conclude at 2:30pm. Morning tea is provided but please BYO lunch.</p> <p>For more information and to register, please go to https://dow.sh/CCD-Level</p> <p>For course outline 2025-Level-3-Catechist-Course.pdf</p>	
NEW	<p>Sanctus Summit Unanderra – Eucharistic Adoration and dinner Wednesday, 21 May 2025, Immaculate Conception</p> <p>Monthly adoration for youth and young adults of the diocese at two locations, rotating each month. 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6:30-7:30 PM for adoration in a beautiful and sacred space.</p> <p>Dinner: Unanderra Hotel</p>	
NEW	<p>Tribunal of the Catholic Church</p> <p>In 2015, Pope Francis wrote that “charity and mercy demand that the Church, like a good mother, be near her children who feel themselves estranged from her.” The Inter-diocesan Tribunal of Sydney, which has an Office in the Diocese of Wollongong, is a service of the Church to assist with the pastoral care of Catholics and non-Catholics who are civilly divorced, and who are seeking to remarry or who want clarification of their standing in the Church. The Tribunal also assists remarried persons seeking to have their current marriage recognised in the Church, and remarried persons wishing to be baptised or received into the Catholic Church.</p> <p>Any divorced person, or a divorced and remarried person is welcome to contact the Wollongong Office of the Tribunal to obtain further information, or to have their status within the Church clarified. Brochures are available from the church foyer or notice board area. The Wollongong Office of the Tribunal is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. You are welcome to contact the Tribunal on 4222 2409 or tribunal@dow.org.au or visit www.tribunal.dow.org.au</p>	

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NEW Urgent request	<p>CatholicCare's Fostering Futures program are seeking a forever home for Lachlan* aged 12</p> <p>Lachlan is a happy, loving boy who would like a family who can take him to the park to ride his scooter, kick a football around or push him on the swing. An ideal carer for Lachlan is someone who can help him find his feet in new surroundings.</p> <p>There is a critical shortage of foster carers at the moment and Lachlan has been waiting for a long time for his forever homes. Like all kids he deserves a home where he can feel safe, secure and loved.</p> <p>CatholicCare have over 30 years' experience helping carers give vulnerable children a loving home and a brighter future. Carers receive comprehensive support including training, regular case worker support and career allowance for the child's day-to-day financial needs.</p> <p>If you can provide a safe and supportive home for Lachlan, or kids like him, we'd love to hear from you. Please call 0418 783 956 or email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au for more information and we will support you every step of the way.</p> <p><i>*Name has been changed for privacy.</i></p>	
NEW	<p>Divine Mercy Sunday 27 April 2025 at St Francis of Assisi Church Warrawong</p> <p>All Welcome</p> <p>2:00-3:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p> <p>2:00-2:45pm Sacrament of Reconciliation,</p> <p>2:00pm Rosary to our Blessed Mother Mary, followed by the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy in song.</p> <p>3:00pm Mass of the Divine Mercy, Followed by veneration of St Faustina's First Class Relic followed by light supper afterwards in the Parish Hall.</p>	
Continuing	<p>The Journey, – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</p> <p>The Journey is the weekly podcast for parishioners in the Diocese of Wollongong. Each week it brings you great music, formation in faith, with an array of fantastic presenters from our Diocese and around Australia. Just go to www.jcr.org.au and we will send it to you each week.</p>	www.jcr.org.au .

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UPDATED Free but Registration is Essential	Our Lady Help of Christians Jubilee Pilgrimage Walk for Life Join pilgrims from around the Diocese from Fri 23 May- Sat 24 May for all or part of the walk for life along the stunning South Coast from Kiama to Culburra. Pope Francis has urged us in this Jubilee Year to build a culture of life, where every human life is cherished and protected. Day 1: From Kiama to Gerringong, followed by dinner with Bishop Mascord & overnight adoration. Day 2: Gerringong to Culburra, finishing with mass and dinner. For more information go to dow.sh/WFL or contact jude.hennessy@dow.org.au 4222 2407	
UPDATED	Istand Camp, Sydney - Pilgrims of Hope When: Mon 14 -Wednesday 16 April Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW What: Games, fellowship, food & formation Who: Youth Mission Team Sydney & a stack of awesome 14-18 y/o's More info & rego: M: 0428 771 744 / ymt.com.au/istandevents	
Continuing	The Marriage Course <i>Want to build a strong, better marriage?</i> The Marriage Course is for any couples who are married (from 2 years married to 50 years married) and it has been run in over 117 countries for over 1.5 million couples since its inception in 1996. It runs over 7 sessions covering topics such as resolving conflict, impact of family and the art of communication. It's a great way to strengthen your marriage, learn practical tools to deepen your connection, gain insights from top psychologists, authors and relationship specialists and give you more time to spend as a couple! The course begins on Monday 26 May at 7.30pm and runs weekly until the 7 July . It will be held online in the comfort of your own home! Register now at: https://app.tickets.org.au/DOW/Marriagecoursedow	
Continuing	Port Kembla Golf Club Open Vinnies Charity Day 2025 Tuesday 29 April Eligibility: Open to all Golfers Format: 4 Person Ambrose (4 Drives per player) Registration: Contact jude.hennessy@dow.org.au for details and to book your spot. Cost: \$55 per player (\$10 directly to Vinnies) Price includes BBQ lunch and Team entry into Raffle	

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UPDATED REGISTER NOW	<p>Penrose Park: Jubilee Youth Pilgrimage, Saturday 26 April 2025, Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy Penrose Park, 10am – 3pm</p> <p>Join us for our first Youth Pilgrimage in this Year of Jubilee to coincide with the canonisation of Bl. Carlo Acutis. The day will include a Talk, Mass, Reconciliation, Rosary Walk, a Guided Tour of the International Chapels, and personal reflection time. A light lunch will be provided.</p> <p>Bring your passports to get stamped along the way! This day is for anyone from the age of 15 and up. Come as Pilgrims of Hope, embracing the grace of this Jubilee Year! For more details & registration: dow.org.au/events/penrose-park-jubilee-youth-pilgrimage/</p>	
NEW each week	<p>A vocation view</p> <p>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (4/13/25)</p> <p>Surrender your life to God. You are promised eternal life. (Luke 22:14-23:1-49) If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>A Gift to the Church in your Will.... will help</p> <div data-bbox="381 1160 1182 1610"> <p>A gift to the Church in your will ... <i>will help!</i></p> <p>The Church has been present at most of the important milestones in your life: your Baptism, your First Holy Communion, at times of great celebration and at times of great sadness. Its many ministries are far-reaching, life-giving and life-saving.</p> <p>By leaving a gift to the Church in your will, you will be leaving a legacy of faith to help ensure that the mission and pastoral outreach that has been important to you will continue, both for today's needs, and for those of our children, our grandchildren and beyond.</p> <p>For information about leaving a gift in your will to your local parish or a ministry of the Church, please visit dow.sh/legacy, call the diocesan representative on 4222 2446, or scan the QR code here ►</p>  </div> <p>(Note to Parish Secretaries: To access this image click here)</p>	
Continuing	<p>Weekly Mass at UOW</p> <p>UOW Catholic Society is back for 2025 and we're inviting all UOW students, staff, and friends to be a part of the adventure. Join us for Mass on Campus 12.30pm every Thursday during semester (Clubs Room, Bldg 11). For details, see @uowcathsoc on social media or email uowcatholicsociety19@gmail.com</p>	

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Continuing	<p>An invitation to join electronic parish planned giving from your Parish Finance Council</p> <p>An electronic regular gift provides many benefits. You will find it a secure, convenient and efficient way to regularly support your parish, while also reducing our administration costs. It will also help us to confidently forecast and plan, as we know that we can rely on your support. You can increase, decrease, discontinue or restart your monthly gift at any time. Please visit https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/parishgiving/ to learn of the four simple ways you can support our parish electronically.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Marriage Enrichment Weekend</p> <p>We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Come and join us on 23-25 May 2025 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend in a Covid safe environment at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW – a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney. Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>Medjugorje Pilgrimage commences Monday 1 September 2025</p> <p>Accompanied by Fr Patrick Vaughan</p> <p>Queen of Peace – Medjugorje Pilgrimage <i>A tiny Croatian village, six children and the faith of millions from all over the world have shed new light on what it means to be a true pilgrim on life's journey. In this hallowed place of Medjugorje, this valley of miracles, the Mother of God beckons us forward.</i></p> <p>For full details, itinerary and bookings, Visit: harvestjourneys.com/medjugorje</p>	
Continuing	<p>Social Justice Points</p> <p>Hope does not disappoint. The critical role of hope in Christian faith is highlighted in Romans 5:5: "And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us." - <i>Spes non Confundit</i></p>	

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Continuing	<p>Go Deeper in your Faith with popular & FREE Catholic Podcasts</p> <p>Catechism in a Year This year, Ascension Press will also again run the Catechism in a Year podcast which will slowly and prayerfully read through and break open the Catechism over 365 days. It's not too late to catch up, and the daily podcasts can be listened to at your own pace. It is available at www.ascensionpress.com/ciy</p> <p>Bible in a Year Ascension Press will again run the Catholic Bible in a Year Podcast featuring Fr Mike Schmitz and Jeff Cavins in 2024. It remains one of the world's leading podcasts with over 400 million downloads. While a new podcast is released daily, you can do it at your own pace signing up at www.ascensionpress.com/biy and it's not too late to catch up or simply work through at your own pace.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Want your community to grow? Try Faith Circles</p> <p>Faith Circles is a weekly resource to help individuals but mainly small groups to come together in Parishes. In doing so it assists in the development of faith and community, a strong desire expressed in our Diocesan feedback from the National Church Life Survey. The weekly Faith Circles resource is available for free to download. It is easy to use with simple questions and prayer points. It is available to download at www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/ or have it sent to you each month via email subscription.</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Cathedral Books & Gifts Wollongong</p> <p>Cathedral Books & Gifts shop has a wide range of gifts for Baptism, Communion, Confirmation, Missals, books, rosaries, medals, statues, plaques, cards for various occasions, holy cards etc.</p> <p>Operating hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10am – 2pm Entry via 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong. For any enquiries, please contact 4222 2484.</p>	